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Elderly, poor get reprieve from taxes

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Older and disabled residents may get a temporary reprieve on their summer and winter property taxes this year under a plan voluntarily put into place by Romulus officials.

Homeowners who meet income and expense requirements may defer their summer and winter taxes without incurring costly penalties and interest until Feb. 29, 2008. The plan was also put into place last year, and helped several seniors struggling with increased costs for gas, utilities and other expenses, officials said.

Romulus City Council members agreed at their Monday night meeting to adopt a resolution to allow the deferment program to

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Mayor Alan Lambert

move forward. It is the third year the plan has been adopted.

Mayor Alan Lambert said that even though the program delays the receipt by the city of some tax money, there is still a lot of support for approving the extension.

"It helps out a lot of people that need time to scrape up what they need to," he said.

The deferment program is made possible by the Michigan Compiled Law and General Property Act 211.53, which gives individual municipalities the ability to offer extensions in certain situations. The income level for participants was \$25,000, but that was raised to \$35,000 two years ago.

The criteria for deferring property taxes are:

The taxpayer must be 62 years old or older, including the unmarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years old at the time of his or her death;

Be paraplegic or quadriplegic;

An eligible serviceman or woman, eligible veteran, eligible widow or widower of a veteran;

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New Miss Wayne County crowned

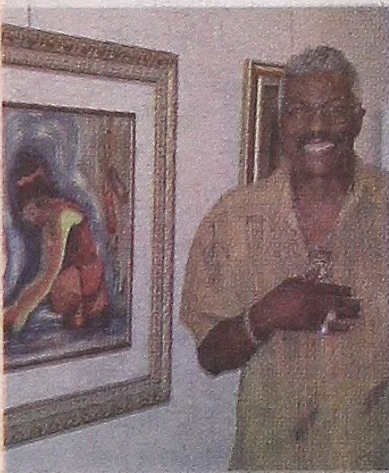
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Charlie and Cheryl Blanton of Romulus enjoy a game of euchre at the Senior Center Tuesday night. Proceeds from the game benefit the Romulus Animal Shelter, and are part of ongoing Pumpkin Festival activities.

Festival promises old favorites

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The Romulus Pumpkin Festival will once again mark the start of fall, but this year, event organizers have reached important milestones of their own.

For the first time, festival activities span an entire week and a reconfiguration of the set-up downtown makes for improved access to new events and old favorites, said Maria Lambert, the chairwoman of the Pumpkin Festival Committee.

"This year, we decided to increase the number of events that would help local groups and charities," she said. "Those events will take place before the traditional start of the festival."

On Monday, a Bunco tournament at the Romulus Senior Center benefited the Romulus Historical Society, as did the Family Fun Night on Wednesday evening. On Tuesday, a Euchre tournament took place at the Senior Center. The proceeds benefited the fund to build a new Romulus Animal Shelter.

The Pumpkin Festival is attended by more than 100,000 people, and each year, it seems to grow, Lambert said. The committee meets at regular intervals to throughout the year to plan the festival.

This year, special attention was paid to teenagers, a difficult group to cater to in a festival format, Lambert said.

"What to do with teenagers was a paramount concern for us," she said.

To meet that end, the Teen Tent - which was introduced

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Recreation center opening delayed

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Tiles in the pool area of the new Romulus recreation facility could delay the opening of the building until December.

Economic Development Director Tim Keyes said that because of a deep freeze that occurred around the time contractors were placing the glass around the facility pools, the decision was made to hold off completion until the weather warmed.

"When you factor that in with the tiles being on backorder for six weeks, I think it would be reasonable to suggest a December opening," he said. "This is construction - you just have to deal with these things. The bottom line here is that, we're in the home stretch."

Mayor Alan Lambert said that everything else for the facility is pretty much on track for an October opening, but that the tiles are very rare and hard to obtain. He also said he would feel more comfortable with stating a clear opening date if those materials were in hand.

"Right now, I'm still hoping for a mid-October opening," he said. "The only issues we have is

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Here she is

On Saturday, 22-year-old Ashlee Baracy of Westland, at right, was all smiles as she earned the crown as the 2007 Miss Wayne County. Baracy, a graduate of John Glenn High School and the University of Michigan, earned scholarship money to aid her in her quest for a master's degree in integrated marketing communications from Eastern Michigan University. As Miss Wayne County, Baracy will represent Wayne County in the annual Miss Michigan pageant in June of 2008. She will also participate in area events in her role as Miss Wayne County, including a visit to the upcoming Northville Victorian Festival. All of the competitors, above, surrounded Baracy with congratulations when her name was called. From the left, are first-runner-up, Nicole Blaszczyk of Novi, Miss Wayne County 2006 Alicia Jaros of Riverview, Baracy, second-runner-up, Christina Hastie of Dearborn, Julianne Kobylasz of Flat Rock, Jessica Wells of Belleville and Joy Jano of Westland. Photo by Ken Garner.



Woman survives crash with train

A woman recently involved in an auto collision with a train was uninjured in the accident.

According to the Van Buren Township Fire Department, officials were dispatched to Martz and Lotz roads at about 4:14 a.m. Sept. 2.

Upon arrival, fire officials discovered officers talking to the woman driver of the

vehicle at the railroad crossing. According to a witness on the westbound Norfolk and Southern train, the vehicle appeared to be stalled across the train tracks as the westbound train approached the crossing. It appeared the car wouldn't start so the driver ran from the vehicle moments before impact, witnesses said. The driver declined any medical evaluation.

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Festival - New programs, activities planned

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last year and met with approval by young people – will return.

“We have events at the tent that (teens) are interested in, like music and dance,” she said.

The festival will officially begin off tomorrow with the Parade of Lights, which will travel from City Hall on Wayne Road to the festival area in downtown Romulus.

Other events that have become a staple of the event will also return.

The popular canning and pie baking contests will again take place. Judges this year will evaluate canned tomatoes, green beans, pickles and fruit, as well as pumpkin, sweet potato, peach and apple pies. All entries must be dropped off at the Romulus Recreation Building at 11189 Shook Road before 4 p.m. tomorrow.

The largest pumpkin and sunflower will also be judged. Again, all entries must be dropped off at the Romulus Recreation Building by 4 p.m. Friday.

For the first time, a tractor show will take place on the grounds of the Romulus Historical Park. Also new are the Camaro Brothers, who will also make an appearance.

The Romulus Historical Society is also participating in the festival, and there are so many new events at the park that the Pumpkin Festival Committee has moved back

Pumpkin Festival Entertainment Schedule

Friday, Sept. 14

- 6 p.m. – Danielle Paul, “The Star Spangled Banner”
- 6:05 p.m. – The Mayor’s Band, featuring Mayor Alan Lambert
- 8 p.m. – The Parade of Lights
- 8 p.m. – Trilogy

Saturday, Sept. 15

- 11 a.m. – Karate demonstration
- 11:30 a.m. – Line dancing
- Noon. – County Jays, country music
- 1:30 p.m. – New Hope Missionary Baptist Church’s “Voices of Praise” Youth Choir
- 2:15 p.m. – Interpretive Dance
- 3 p.m. – Loose Dogs Bite (Top 40)
- 4:30 p.m. – Shirley Franklin & the Delta Drive, blues
- 6 p.m. – Groove Essential, funk
- 7:30 p.m. – Straight Ahead, jazz
- 9 p.m. – Channel Six, top 40

Sunday, Sept. 16

- 10:30 a.m. – Inspirational
- 11:30 a.m. – Interpretive Dance
- Noon– Camaro Brothers
- 1:30 p.m. – Calvary Baptist Church Choir
- 3 p.m. – Second Wind, rock
- 4 p.m. – Parade of Lights winner announcement
- 4:30 p.m. – Waco, county music

the roadblocks downtown to allow festival-goers better access to the park.

Judi Ball, a Native American storyteller, will speak about traditions. Children who wish to participate in crafts during the speech must pay \$1. Also, the Kingsley House will again be open for tours, and the

Historical Museum will feature the first-ever city ballot box.

The 1949 Caboose will be open for tours, along with the Wabash Road Freight House.

Lambert said she expects large crowds for all three days of the festival.

“We encourage everyone to come to the festival,” she said.

Pumpkin Festival Schedule of Events

Friday, Sept. 14

- 5 p.m.-Midnight – Bingo Benefit, to support the Romulus Animal Shelter, at the Senior Center
- 6 p.m. – Pumpkin Festival opens
- 8 p.m. – Parade of Lights

Saturday, Sept. 15

- 10 a.m. – Three-on-three basketball, Mary Ann Banks Park
- 11 a.m.-4 p.m. – Cruisin’ 2007 Car Show, Hunt Street
- 11 a.m. – Roller Hockey Tournament, sponsored by the Rev. Steve Adams, Elmer Johnson park
- 11 a.m.-4 p.m. – Chicken dinner, Romulus Progressive Hall
- 11 a.m.-8 p.m. – Used book sale, Romulus Public Library
- Noon – Golden griffon Stringtet, Historical Park
- 12:30 p.m. – Pumpkin Rolling Contest, Historical Park

- 1 p.m. – Chili Cook-Off, Goddard and Olive Street
- 1-2 p.m. – Bingo Benefit, to support the Romulus Animal Shelter, at the Senior Center
- 1:30 p.m. – Sack races, Historical Park
- 2 p.m. – Storyteller Judi Ball, Historical Park
- 2:30 p.m. – Treasure hunt, Historical Park
- 4-7 p.m. – Spaghetti dinners, Community United Methodist Church
- 4 p.m. – Fiddlers Re-Strung, Historical Park

Sunday, Sept. 16

- 8 a.m.-6 p.m. – Tractor and Lawn tractor Show, Romulus Historical Park
- Noon-6 p.m. – Used book sale, Romulus Public Library
- Noon-4 p.m. – Steak dinners, St. Aloysius, Neville Street and Ozga Road
- 12:30 p.m. Giant Airplane Race, Historical Park
- 1:30 p.m. – Marshmallow Races, Historical Park
- 2:30 p.m. – Pumpkin pie-eating contest, Historical Park

Taxes - Program offers residents more time to pay

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Be totally and permanently disabled;

Have a household income that does not exceed \$35,000.

One of the most beneficial aspects of the program is that there are no penalties on summer taxes until after Feb. 29, and

a two-week grace period for winter taxes.

According to state statistics, Wayne County has the highest numbers of foreclosures in Michigan, which is something the city is trying to keep residents from having to endure, Lambert said.

Applications for the program

must be filed at the treasurer’s office no later than Sept. 30. Applications are available at the treasurer’s office on the first floor of city hall until 6 p.m.

Romulus City Hall is located at 11111 Wayne Road. For more information about deferring taxes, call the treasurer’s office at (734) 942-7580.

Center - Tiles are still needed

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the pool area.”

The recreation center, which is a first-ever dedicated recreation facility in city history, has been under construction for nearly two years on Wayne Road, and is visible from Interstate 94.

City officials report few problems at the facility as it has been transformed from a vacant industrial building to a colorful recreation facility, but they also find it frustrating to encounter delays so close to completion, Lambert said.

The facility is expected to cover an 11-acre parcel of land, and the interior is expected to be equal to a high-end health club, such as Lifetime Fitness. The facility – which was once a warehouse owned by the Overhead Crane Co. – will be about 90,000 square feet, not including outdoor amenities, such as a track.

The project was financed by the Tax Increment Financing Authority, which city officials

said have infused \$18 million into the project. The facility, when it opens, will have a main gym, a teen gym, Nautilus equipment, an Olympic-sized pool, a kiddie pool, a hot tub, a fountain-like pool, a .1-mile track, a rock climbing wall, rest and relaxation areas, a banquet hall and meeting rooms.

Another factor that has to be determined before an opening is management of the facility. City council members opted to hire a professional firm for the task, and Keyes said the city is in ongoing talks to hire a Baltimore-based professional sports management firm to handle all aspects of the operation.

“We’re in discussing the parameters of contract with them,” Keyes said. “The contract will have to go before the council, however.”

Keyes said that contract will likely go to council before the end of this month.

“All in all, this has been a big undertaking,” he said.

News in brief

Fiddlers descend on Romulus

One of the last concerts in the park of 2007 will take place Saturday when Fiddlers ReStrung, a group from Saline, performs.

Dedicated to preserving the history of fiddle music, Fiddlers ReStrung plays an eclectic blend of bluegrass, traditional Celtic and American Jazz.

The group has been performing for 15 years and is currently under the direction of Cori Smith.

The concert will take place at the Romulus Historical Park, which is located next to the Romulus Post Office at 11120 Hunt St. There is no charge to attend.

The Romulus Historical Society and the Historical Commission are sponsoring the concert.

The music will begin promptly at 4 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 697-9628.

Storytelling is back

The Romulus Public Library is bringing back fall storytelling.

Volunteers and invited storytellers will begin to weave stories for children 3- to 5 years old beginning Sept. 25 and ending on Oct. 31. Sessions are scheduled to run at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays.

There is no charge to attend the sessions, but there are limits on the number of people who can attend. Registration is required on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The sessions will take place at the Romulus Public Library on 11121 Wayne Road.

To register, or to ask questions, call the library at (734) 942-7589.

YWCA seeks outstanding woman

The Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA) is hoping to celebrate the success of an outstanding woman after area residents nominate her for a YWCA of Western Wayne County 2007 Women of Achievement Award.

The Women of Achievement Awards recognize outstanding women throughout Western Wayne County who represent the following categories: communications/the arts, business leadership, government/law, dedicated volunteer, young professional, leadership award and young woman.

Nominees will be honored at the Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon and Silent Auction Nov. 16 at The Dearborn Inn. The program begins at 11 a.m. with a silent auction. The awards presentation begins at 12:15 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person and \$400 for tables of 10.

For more information or to obtain a nomination packet, contact the YWCA at (313) 561-4110. Nomination deadline is Oct. 19.

To submit an upcoming event, please email mtippen@journalgroup.com.

OPINION

The clock is ticking

There's a website worth checking out, called countdown-tochaos.org.

Topped by a scrolling timer, it points out the time remaining before the start of the state fiscal year on Oct. 1, as well as some of the dire consequences that could come to pass should a budget not be approved by the Michigan Legislature.

It's a little alarmist—we have a hard time believing anything like a governmental shutdown would take place, or legions of firefighters and police officers be put out on the street while school districts use inexperienced teachers to handle class sizes three times the norm.

It still points out a few truths: first of all, the political wrangling over the budget and its ever-changing projected deficit is making it difficult for the locals to do their jobs.

Municipal and school officials depend on a revenue forecast from the state to—at least in some part—determine how much money they have to provide basic services. Many municipalities are asking for tax measures on the November ballot, too, and it's unlikely their residents will approve them until they know how much, if any, additional tax money the state will ask them to kick in.

There will be 17 days before Oct. 1 when this issue hits the streets. The latest word from Lansing is that the House and the Senate have separate proposals planned to fix the situation.

Separate proposals sounds a lot like 'finger-pointing' to us. The time is past for such theatrics. Let's all get together and come up with a real fix, not a Band-Aid or a revenue shift. Let's talk about the long-term future of the state, not just who gets to take credit for success and blame for failures during the next campaign cycle.

It could be political campaign time again if...

A company asks for permission to serve alcohol, and all of the sudden the neighborhood is on the brink of disaster.

When a simple request for a liquor license transfer allegedly opens the door to a variety of activities—including topless dancing—you can tell it is campaign season.

That appears to be the case in the City of Westland, where officials from the Showcase Cinema on Wayne Road requested a liquor license and entertainment permit for their theater, a short skip away from the long-defunct and still vacant Quo Vadis.

The request stirred quite a bit of debate among the city council members. The most strenuous objections came from Council President Chuck Pickering, who said it was important not to set a precedent that would make it harder to deny future applications.

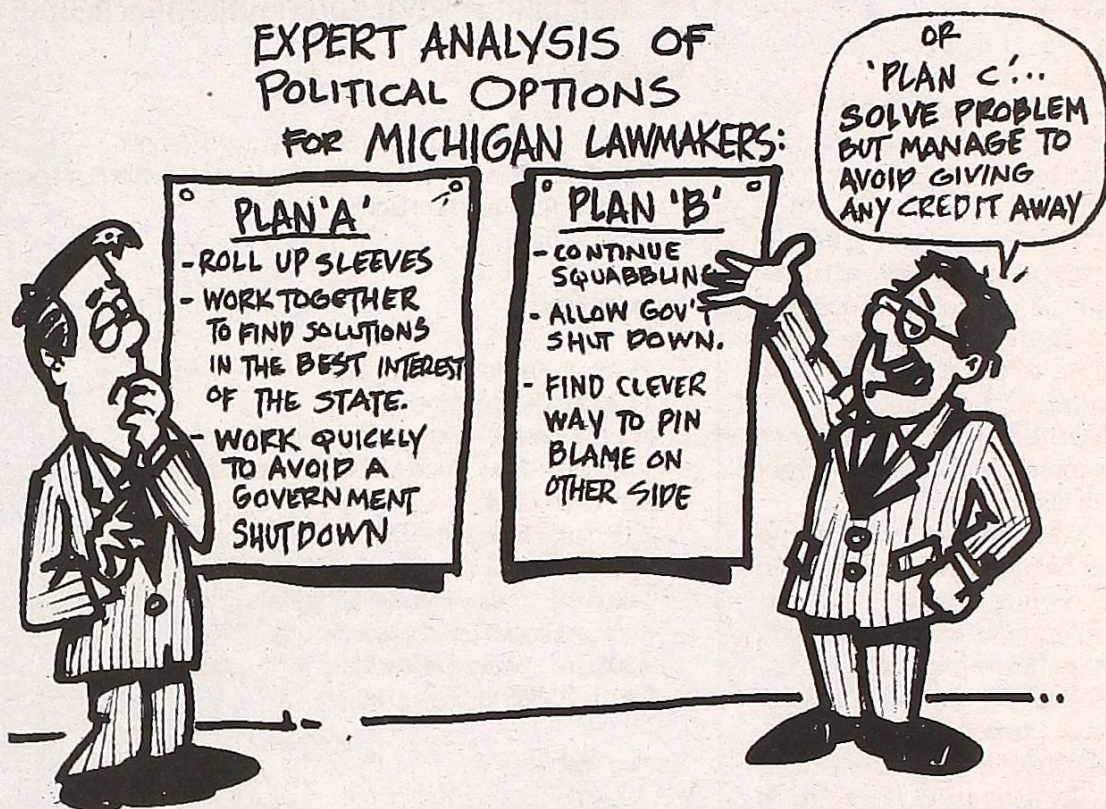
"It opens the door to the wrong kind of entertainment in our community," he said. "It's the wrong direction. We're taking away a family-oriented business."

Well, we doubt that.

Movie theaters throughout the area have enjoyed more success through alcohol sales. The Emagine Theater in Canton Township is a perfect example. They sell alcohol, host other kinds of events, too, and nobody's had to get naked. There are ways the council can prohibit this kind of activity without impeding the theater chain in their attempt to remain current with market trends and competitive with other movie houses.

More likely, this is an example of a sad, but tried and true formula

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A second look and an apology

At press time on Tuesday, I was still a little unclear on whether the Wayne City Council would revisit the resolution they shot down last week from the Wayne 2020 Committee.

The resolution, a relatively simple concept that was broad in scope, essentially asked the city council to make downtown revitalization a priority.

There were other parts to it: the creation of downtown overlay district that would promote downtown development, the continuation of a public art project that was started with the mural on the side of the State Wayne Theater, more implementation of the Andrews University study and continued vigilance against blight.

Councilwoman Donna McEachern moved to approve part of the motion—to prioritize downtown development—but her motion didn't even get a second.

The silence that followed was deafening and—to me, anyway—spoke to a fundamental flaw in our city council.

This is something that not only deserves a second look, but an apology, too.

If it comes back to the council, though, it proba-

bly won't be at their meeting on Tuesday. Councilman Al Damitio—who, even though he is not the liaison to the committee, has been the most active on the issue after the fact—will be out of town then. That pushes the issue back until October.

Why does this deserve a second look? Why is this resolution even necessary? The city council, almost by definition, should be committed to revitalizing the downtown. In a perfect world, they should be coming up with the goals that the city administration works to implement.

As much as I like my hometown, Wayne is not a perfect world. I haven't seen any ideas come from the council.

To be honest, I was only partially surprised that the resolution wasn't approved. I figured some council people would object because it makes it seem like they're not doing their job. They have to be attached to everything that happens—they need the credit—yet they don't advance any ideas of their own.

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Where have all the grown-ups gone?

Honesty is the best policy. At least that's how I was brought up.

My parents instilled in me at a young age the importance of being honest, truthful and raised me to have good morals. If I do say so myself, I think I turned out pretty well so far, too.

The reason I bring up honesty is because of everything that's going on lately in the City of Belleville. Where has honesty gone and was it ever really there in the first place?

This past year alone we've seen: the loss of a city treasurer, which turned into the formation of a combination clerk/treasurer position; a struggle with city finances and a councilmember appointed as the city manager, which, in hindsight, might not have been the best decision.

Just in the past several months we've seen that same city manager get fired; heard a lot of personal bashing, public attacks and what some claim are possible lies; a formal harassment complaint; seen the clerk/treasurer also become the city manager and finally, the resignation of a city council member.

We've seen and heard a whole bunch of chaos from those who are supposed to lead their city forward. When is enough of this nonsense really going to be enough?

As a reporter in Belleville, I get to see what's happening first-hand. However, I'm not a resident

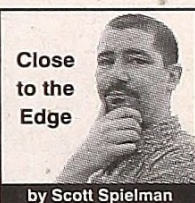
and, dare I say that I'm glad that I'm not. I don't have to live in the current turmoil; I just have to report it.

After so much recent disappointment, it's hard for me to push everything I've seen and heard aside to recognize that city officials really are trying to do their jobs. Sure, I respect the fact that people can 'agree to disagree' because that's just part of politics, but I just don't see why there has to be such a clear division of loyalties. It's almost like junior high all over again: taking sides, name calling and even being the last one picked on the team.

No one ever really knows what's going on behind closed doors. Sometimes, what people say and what they actually do are two different things.

But, if there's one thing I just don't have patience for it would have to be dishonesty. Frankly, I've come to the point where my patience is wearing thin. I can only imagine how voters and residents feel. It's time to truly move on and move the city forward.

So far, a handful of people have obtained nominating petitions for city council and mayor; a good sign for Belleville. I wish them all luck because these days, they'll certainly need it. I also hope they are running for the right reason: to make the City of Belleville a better place to live for everyone; not just the team they choose to play on.



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Apology

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The part that surprised me was the way Sherrie Pryor, a member of the Wayne 2020 Committee whose day job is the operations director of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority (DDA), was treated.

After a sensible, impassioned explanation of the goal of the resolution—which she helped draft, along with Councilwoman Beverly Shackelford—she was essentially ignored, brushed aside.

That’s where the apology comes in.

A few weeks back an absentee landlord from Plymouth came to the council, complaining about having to pay an inspection fee every three years for her property—which had been vacant for nearly two years, in part because she thought there was a giant snake living in the basement.

I shook my head, chuckling, as city officials pledged to work

with her on it.

Here you have the crux of my embarrassment over the way the Wayne 2020 Committee has been treated during its short existence. People who are part of the problem are treated better than people who are part of the solution.

I do think they’re part of the solution, too. Any proactive idea I can think of in recent years has come from this committee—and that’s why it’s a shame that they have to get so fed up and frustrated that they’re nearly ready to quit before anything happens.

These aren’t things to fight about. These aren’t things that personal egos or hurt feelings should impede. These are things that everyone should get behind, no matter where they came from or how they were presented.

When she defended her motion, McEachern said she understood that the council was already ‘committed’ to downtown revitalization. She suggested that the committee just wanted a little affirmation.

That might be OK for them, but I’d like to see more than just affirmation. I’d like to see some evidence.

Politics

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in politics: You make someone afraid of something and then promise them you will stop it. “That kind of thing won’t happen under my watch.” You can virtually imagine the balloons bob-

bing and confetti swirling.

But let’s be realistic. In this day and age, the city council shouldn’t be prohibiting any business in the city from succeeding. It should be finding ways to make it more successful, to provide more services to residents.

The most ironic part of this is that the Quo Vadis, which for a while operated under the

Showcase Theaters umbrella, used to serve alcohol.

Let them have their license, restrict them from any of the naughty stuff and move on. The Showcase has been a good business for years in the city. It should be allowed to remain competitive. The last thing the city needs is another abandoned theater.

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<div><h3>CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN</h3><h4>REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES</h4><p>SEPTEMBER 4, 2007</p><p>Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Clair, Trustee Hart and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: Trustee Jahr. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Champagne, DPW Director Knepper, Chief Nicholai, Planning and Economic Development Deputy Director Swallow, Parks Manager Mulkey, Engineer Nummer, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of eight (8).</p><p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the agenda as amended. To remove New Business Item # 3 “Consider adoption of Resolution 2007-38, and approval of the Storm Water Management Maintenance and Repair Agreement (Victoria Estates and Victoria Condominiums) and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the documents.” Carried.</p><p>PUBLIC HEARING: None.</p><p>MINUTES: Clair moved, Hart seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of August 20, 2007 as presented. Carried.</p><p>Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2007 as corrected for minor typographical and spelling errors. Carried.</p><p>CORRESPONDENCE: The Third Edition of the book Water Under the Bridge written by Cathy Horste, Van Buren Township Historian and Diane Wilson, Van Buren Township Museum Director are available by pre-ordering and reserving a copy. Forms are available in the Clerk’s Office and the Belleville Area Museum.</p><p>A communication from the Downriver Community Conference stating a partnership with the Senior Alliance for a transportation program to provide non-emergency medical transportation for seniors aged sixty and older. Eligibility is prioritized based on need and seniors residing in the thirty-four communities in the Senior Alliance service area. This service is for a limited time and reservations are required for more information contact the Downriver Community Conference at 734.362.7029.</p><p>Director Champagne stated the township is in receipt of a letter from the Van Buren Civic Fund awarding a grant for eleven automatic external defibrillators at a cost of \$18,345.61 as submitted by Fire Fighter Angela Hayes.</p><p>UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.</p><p>NEW BUSINESS: Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Police Officers Labor Council (POLC) Command Officers Contract effective January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2009, as presented. Carried.</p><p>Hart moved, Clair seconded to approve the Fire Engine and Squad apparatus specifications and to authorize them to be sent out to bid. Carried.</p><p>Payne moved, Budd seconded to adopt Resolution 2007-39 adoption of bylaws and acceptance of membership for the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds, subject to the amended 2-year budget (May 2007-May 2009) and an annual cost of \$5,911; and to appoint Trustee Clair as Van Buren Township representative and Deputy Director</p></div> <div><p>Swallow as the alternate. Carried.</p><p>Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the proposal by Wade Trim Associates to provide engineering services for the Riggs Heritage Park Project at a cost not to exceed \$38,825 noting that funding is from Wayne County Parks Millage. Carried.</p><p>Clair moved, Budd seconded to approve the agreement with DTE Energy to supply electrical power to 39605 Wabash Road (E.Q. Basin) at a cost of \$4,395 to be paid by the projects General Contractor and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.</p><p>Rochowiak moved, Payne seconded to approve the engineering proposal by Wade Trim Associates at a cost not to exceed \$721,000, to proceed with Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRP) project as noted in Wade Trim Associates August 21, 2007 proposal. Carried.</p><p>VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Payne seconded to approve the September 4, 2007 voucher list as presented. Carried.</p><p>REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the July 2007 Budgetary Report received and filed.</p><p>ANNOUNCEMENTS: Treasurer Budd stated payment of summer tax bills have been extended without penalty through Friday, September 28, 2007 and there is a drop box in the Public Safety Lobby.</p><p>Clerk Payne stated Wayne County Community College Millage Renewal Election will be held on November 6, 2007.</p><p>Clerk Payne stated the “Taking it to the Streets” event held on Friday, August 24th was wonderful for the children.</p><p>Parks Manager Mulkey announced the Parks and Recreation Department is looking for volunteers for the Haunted Forrest held the last three weekends of October at Van Buren Park. For additional information contact the Manager Mulkey at 734.484.3666. Also, work on the new front entrance of Van Buren Park has begun and the Park remains open.</p><p>AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): A resident inquired what happens to storm water management maintenance and repair agreement if the homeowner’s association dissolves. Supervisor King and Director Kelley stated the township has the right to assess the homeowners in the development for these costs as part of the agreement.</p><p>CLOSED SESSION: None.</p><p>ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Payne seconded to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Carried.</p><p>Respectfully submitted,</p><p>Joannie D. Payne, CMC Township Clerk</p><p>Cindy C. King Township Supervisor</p><p>Publish: September 13, 2007</p></div>
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Canton Idol

9-year-old winner to sing National Anthem at Pumpkin Festival

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Danielle Paul is getting ready for her close-up.

Paul, the 9-year-old, first runner-up in the Canton Idol contest earlier this year, will play an integral role in the upcoming Romulus Pumpkin Festival. The budding singer will belt out the national anthem at the event – a prospect that she's equally nervous and excited about.

"I've been practicing a lot," said Danielle, who lived in Romulus until her parents, Keith and Debra, moved to Canton

Township.

But her extended family still lives in Romulus, and attending the Pumpkin Festival has become a highly anticipated event.

"I grew up in Romulus, and we still come back here often," said Keith Paul. "We've been going to the Pumpkin Festival since it began."

Danielle Paul hasn't been singing very long. The Canton Idol Contest was earlier this year, but her father noticed his daughter had vocal talent when she performed the classic rock staple "Hit Me With Your Best Shot" with his band on a lark.

She's performed about five times since Canton Idol, and said she'd like to continue honing her skills.

"It's really a lot of fun," she said.

Deborah Paul said her family is encouraging Danielle to build on her talent.

"She's working with a vocal coach right now," she said. "She practices with him once every two weeks."

The Pumpkin Festival is one of the biggest events in the downriver area, and no matter what may happen tomorrow evening, one thing is sure – this is likely to be the biggest crowd of spectators for which Danielle has performed.

The prospect of singing the national

anthem – a song that requires so much vocal dexterity that even professionals have managed to bungle it – gives Danielle butterflies.

"You have to go up with your voice, then down again," she said.

The young performer stays busy with other activities and school when she's not singing. She attends classes at the Canton Charter Academy, and enjoys drawing, and spending time with her 11-year-old brother, Nick.

Paul will perform the Star Spangled Banner on the main stage at the Pumpkin Festival at about 6 p.m. tomorrow, after the Festival of Lights and before the Mayor's Band.



Danielle Paul taps the keys on a piano. She is making her Pumpkin Festival debut Friday evening.

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Belleville Arts Council names colony winners

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Area artists who participated in the Belleville Area Council for the Arts colony this summer were rewarded last week for their work.

The reception at the Century 21/Belvil Realty in downtown Belleville included artwork on display from artists Neil and Thelma Griffin, Nicki Pijanowski, Umar Abdullah, Rhonda Dutton, Sherri and Holly Chaffee, Betty Jean Morris, Marian Lloyd-Caldwell and Kyle Ackron.

Winners included: Morris, who won 'Best of Show' for her triple series "Katherine Rose's Red Hydrangeas"; Neil Griffin, who won first place in the professional

category for "Belleville Bridge"; Thelma Griffin, who won second place in the professional category for "Yellow Lillie's"; Pijanowski, who won third place in the professional category for "Crazy Daisies"; Holly Chaffee, who won first place in the amateur category; Ackron, who won second place in the amateur category for "Beachside View" and Lloyd-Caldwell, who won third place in the amateur category for "What Do You See". All the young artists—Reece Lambert, 7, Kim Lazaroff, 8, and Heather Howard, 8, were also awarded an art kit. Altogether, \$1,000 was awarded in prizes.

"I thank everyone for their success. The artists never gave up

and they really care about Belleville area art," said Jane Kovach, head of the art colony program.

According to the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, the art colony was started in 1997 as a way to bring professional artists to the city streets for demonstrations. The 'open air' exercise takes place at Fourth Street Square in downtown Belleville where patrons can observe artists at work and purchase an art piece, as well.

Morris, who took home 'Best of Show' once again, said it feels wonderful.

"Last year was hollyhocks and this year was hydrangeas," she said. "I think I might take a little break now and work on my shading, shadowing and values techniques for next year."

Neil Griffin said it feels great to win first place.

"It's a humbling experience when you look at all the rest of the paintings here," he said.

Thelma Griffin, who entered the colony for the second time, said her inspiration for her award-winning painting was her love of flowers.

"I love lilies," she said. "So when I ran across a picture of them I decided I had to paint it. I'm very happy to receive this award for it."

First-time artist and winner at the colony—Caldwell—said she thought it was a good year to par-

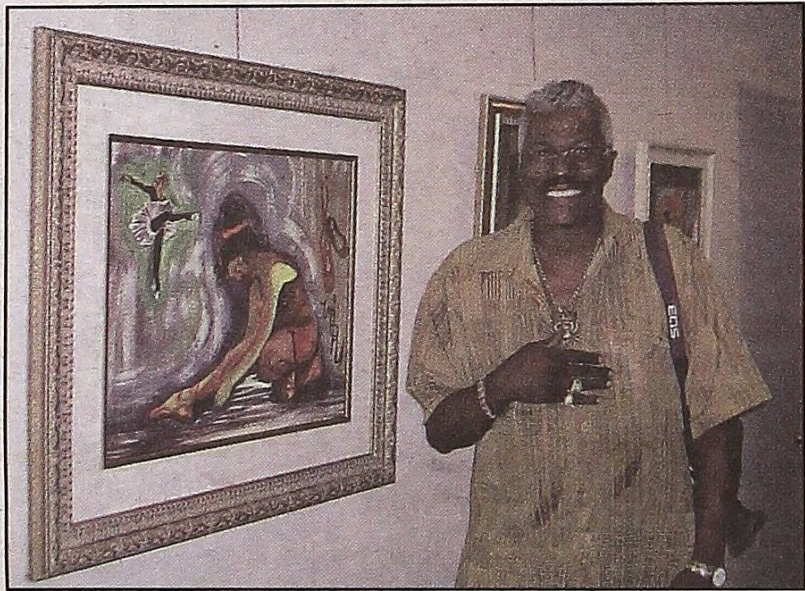
ticipate and, after winning, she's glad she did.

Pijanowski, who won for her "Crazy Daisies" pastel pencils drawing, said she might make a line of cards out of her "Bare Bottom Babies" portrait.

Dutton, a graphic artist, said her Pijanowski and Abdullah have a special collaborative project in the works, too. Abdullah

said although this was his first art colony, Belleville just inspires him to draw.

"I've been in the Belleville area for 22 years, but the last three to four years is when I've really been doing art," he said. "The other artists in the colony were my inspiration. They inspired me and I think we did the same for each other."



Umar Abdullah, pictured next to his artwork, was one of the many participants in the Belleville Area Council for the Arts colony this year.

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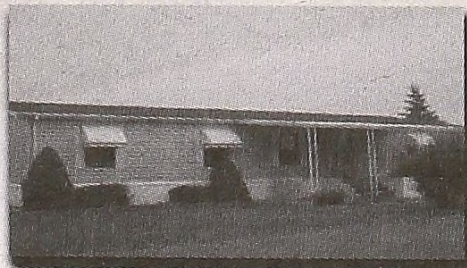
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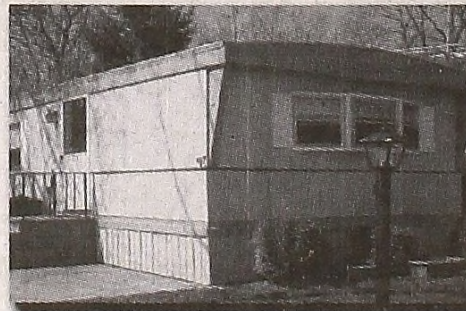
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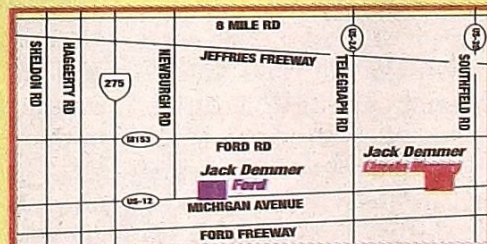
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SPORTS



Wayne's Alan Freeman squeezes through Plymouth's defense for his second touchdown of the day. Wayne won the game, 18-13.

Wayne's defense dominates Cats

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Thank goodness for defense. If it weren't for Wayne's impressive defensive efforts on Friday afternoon they might have succumbed to a special teams fiasco.

Instead, the Zebras held their ground on many short-field opportunities by host Plymouth in the early game on Friday for an 18-13 Western Division victory.

"Our defense played fantastic," said Wayne Coach Craig Hnatuk. "Our kicking game set them up with horrible field position constantly. Our defense was up to the challenge, though. We made stops all over the place. Our front seven played great and our game plan was outstanding."

The win improves Wayne to 2-1. The loss was the first for the 'Cats (2-1).

Plymouth looked like a different team, defensively, than the one that a week ago pulled out a late win against rival Salem. They came out with a bit of trickery when they recovered a pop fly opening on-side kick off. The stunt gave them good field position, but Wayne's defense stepped it up and held the 'Cats at the 15. The field goal attempt was no good—as were the next two attempts in the first half.

Wayne got things going on its third possession that stretched into the second quarter.

Junior powerhouse Alan Freeman capped off the nine-play drive with a two-yard push into the end zone, giving the maize and blue a 6-0 lead. The Cats blocked the extra point attempt.

Plymouth was in scoring position on the ensuing drive. On a third-and-six from Wayne's 11,

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Plymouth quarterback C. J. Gregory threw a ball that was tipped and intercepted by Anthony Baskin in the end zone. Wayne was forced to punt from its own 17. The 15-yard punt gave Plymouth another shot at the 31-yard line. On fourth-and-10 Mike Hanchette snagged a one-hander in the corner of the end zone. Mike Korona served the extra point to give Plymouth a 7-6 advantage with 1:44 left in the first half.

That was apparently more than enough time for the Zebras' emerging offense to trudge down field. Senior quarterback D.J. Freeman connected with junior wideout Antwain Calloway for a

24-yard score and a 12-6 lead with 28 seconds still on the clock.

Plymouth got down to the Zebras' 26 but missed its third field goal try.

With 2:47 left in the third frame, Alan Freeman punched a score in from a yard out, extending the lead, 18-7.

Plymouth capitalized on an 84-yard punt return by Myron Puryear to the Zebras' 3-yard line. Terrance Guthridge scooted in for the score. The extra point missed the mark for an 18-13 finish.

"This win was huge in the respect that it is the first division game and that we were on the road and at 4:30 in the afternoon," Hnatuk said. "(Plymouth) made drastic improvements. They were 2-0, but we saw a lot of flaws. They didn't have any flaws today. They were tough and defended us really well."

Wayne finished with 328 total yards—173 rushing and 155 passing.

Baskin led Wayne's ground attack with 94 bruising yards on 12 carries. Alan Freeman added 43 yards and D.J. Freeman, 42. Calloway caught seven balls for 115 yards.

The Zebras limited Plymouth to 169 offensive yards and just six first downs.

The win prepares Wayne for a home bout with Franklin at 7 p.m. tomorrow. Plymouth hosts cross-campus rival Canton at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

Belleville kickers win 2

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Belleville isn't known as a soccer powerhouse, but that won't stop new head coach Brent Held from trying to make it that way.

He took over for his father Ron Held, now an assistant, and has already won twice as many games as last year. The Tigers finished 1-14 last fall and are 2-4 over all and 1-1 in Mega Blue play (as of Saturday) to start off the 2007 campaign.

The father and son coaching team worked together for the last four years. Their coaching styles are similar—with a little twist.

"We definitely have similar styles," Brent said. "I bring a different kind of ingenuity as far as formations on the field."

"It's nice to have my father around," he added. "We work well together and act as each other's sounding board to try different things out."

Belleville's two victories were recent ones, coming in the last three games.

They started last week off with a 4-2 triumph over host Romulus. Senior Chad Osier scored two goals in the outing. Freshman Aaron Meyers and junior Harry O'Neill each notched a goal.

Belleville took a 3-2 lead at the end of the half with goals from Osier and Meyers. O'Neill added an insurance goal with 35 seconds left to play in the second

half for the win.

"We played pretty well," Brent Held said. "We put a lot of pressure on them in the first half and executed pretty well."

During the weekend the Tigers participated in the Ypsi Challenge Cup Tournament, where they went 1-1.

Belleville lost the first match, 8-0, to Ypsilanti Lincoln.

The Tigers defeated Ypsilanti, 5-1, in the second game.

Senior co-captain Chadd Scruggs scored three goals in the win. He scored five minutes into the game to give Belleville a 1-0 lead. Ypsi tied it up at the 28-minute mark to end the half, 1-1.

Scruggs put the Tigers back in the lead in the second. The goal started a surge that led to scores by Jeff Grant, Osier and Scruggs' third of the night.

The team is facing an upward battle with youth its biggest obstacle.

Held only has four seniors (Ryan Meyers, Sergei Anderson, Scruggs and Osier) on the team.

"We're looking forward to a good season," Held said. "Although young, the team is very coachable and make good adjustments. We will have to rely heavily on the couple seniors that we do have that have been through the battles before."

Belleville is at John Glenn at 4 p.m. on Friday and host Thurston at 4 p.m. on Monday and Fordson at 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

Romulus falls to Bears

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Romulus gridders fell to 0-3 on the season when they lost to reigning division champs Highland Park, 22-13, on Friday night.

Romulus's offense struggled early and often. The team had to rely on defense for their points.

Senior linebacker Jeff Williams recovered two fumbles and returned them both for touchdowns. First, he blitzed through the left side of the offensive line untouched, knocked the ball out of Highland Park quarterback Ian Thomas' hands, scooped the ball up, and ran it in for the score with 40 seconds to go in the half. Ondre Mathews' point after gave Romulus a 7-6 lead. On the second play of the fourth quarter, Williams scooped up another fumble and returned it 87 yards to put the Eagles up, 13-6.

Highland Park countered with an eight-play 80-yard drive that ended with a Lanier Logan three-yard push into the end zone with 6:49 left in the game. Steve Patterson added the two-point conversion to give Polar Bears a 14-13 lead.

On the kickoff, the ball bounced off an Eagle's helmet

and was recovered by a Bear at the Romulus 40-yard line. Highland scored four plays later when Raymont Taylor finished the drive with a one-yard run at 5:02 of the fourth quarter. Logan added the two-point conversion to make the score 22-13.

Senior slotback Steve Patterson scored at 6:07 of the first frame to give Highland Park its initial 6-0 lead.

The Romulus defense was the highlight of the night. Donnell Arrington opened the game with a sack on Thomas. Junior linebacker Jon Hawbaker, who was a moved to the position last Monday before the game, intercepted a pass and Donzell Carter broke up a pass in the end zone to thwart the Bears' first drive in the third quarter. Junior corner back Fred Butler ended a Highland Park drive when he snatched up a fumble.

"I am proud of our team's effort," said Romulus Coach Matt Ladach. "We played hard for 48 minutes, and we gave the defending division champs everything they could handle. We are all disappointed with this season has brought, but we are not a defeated team. We will continue to work hard, and I am confident that our players will be rewarded in the end."

SPORTS

Walker, Edwards head to college: Eagles' hoopsters find game after Romulus

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

There's no arguing that Romulus is a basketball town. It might actually be an understatement considering that 92 percent of seniors in the last five years have moved on to college. Thirteen were by way of basketball

scholarships with six headed off to Division 1 schools. Romulus had a 100 percent success rate with its basketball seniors. The latest in the trend were Rod Walker and Dwayne Edwards. Walker, a 5-foot-9 guard, received a full scholarship to play point at Marygrove College. He averaged eight points and two

assists per game last season. "Rod was an integral part of our district and league championship team last year as a senior captain," said Romulus Coach Nate Oats. "He ended his career here on a high note as this was only the second time in school history that a team won both districts and conference in the same year. Rod's ability to score from all areas on the court and his ability to handle the ball will be missed this year," he added. "I anticipate him adapting well to college basketball as he can do multiple things well." The accomplishment wasn't a big surprise for Rod's father, Melvin Walker. "He's always been excellent at basketball and football ever since he was little—it could have went either way," he said. "I see a player that is strong and decisive and tries to get the best out of his teammates."

Rod said he will miss Romulus and his fellow Eagles but is looking forward to playing at Marygrove. "I really like the program and how the coaches run the team," he said. "I hope to get a degree in business so I can open my own business—a barber shop." Edwards, a 6-foot-6 forward, is now at Marshalltown Community College in Indiana. "Dwayne was an integral part of our district and league championship team last year as a senior power forward for us," Oats said. "Dwayne was a tough, hard-nosed player that loved the physicality of the game. I anticipate him doing well in college because he loves contact and the physical nature of the college game will suit him well." Walker and Edwards departures were preceded by Devin Searcy (Dayton University) and Antoine James (University of Michigan for academics).



Romulus' Rod Walker earned a scholarship to play basketball at Marygrove College.

ROMULUS HOUSING COMMISSION
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Romulus Housing Commission will make available for public review a draft copy of its Annual Agency Plan for FY 2008 in compliance with the Agency Plan guidelines of 24 CFR 903, a requirement of the Quality, Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It is available for review on September 14, 2007 at the Romulus Housing Commission Administration Office located at 34200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. In addition, a public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. on October 29, 2007 in the conference room at the Romulus Housing Commission Administration Office. At this time the Romulus Housing Commission will receive and consider any and all comments prior to finalization of their Agency Plan for submission to HUD on or before October 30, 2007.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD AUGUST 27, 2007
IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.
Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, Harry Croat, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan R. Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, Clerk
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFTA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-248

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Barden to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held August 13, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Burcroff
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-249

3A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the Planning Commission and deny the request from Villages of Romulus rezoning for 4.60+-acres from RI -A, single family residential to RM multiple family low-rise residential district for the following reasons:

1. The request for rezoning is inconsistent with the Future Land Use Plan which designates the property for medium density residential (four to eight dwelling units per acre), which is consistent with single-family residential development.

2. The request for rezoning is inconsistent with the surrounding parcels, all of which are zoned R-1 A, Single-Family Residential.

3. Section 7.06 of the Zoning Ordinance governs one and two-family dwelling standards. This section of the Zoning Ordinance seeks to promote design compatibility within zoning districts. It requires single-family dwellings shall be aesthetically compatible in a design and appearance with other residences in the vicinity. Allowing multiple-family dwellings in an area otherwise dominated by single-family development would be inconsistent with these standards.

4. Under §8.011b of the Zoning Ordinance, the intention of the RM Multiple-Family Low-Rise District is to serve as a transition between non- residential districts and lower density single-family residential districts. The applicant's property is located entirely within a single family zoning district and rezoning would not serve as a transitional zoning between residential and non- residential uses. The request for rezoning submitted would not result in a transitional zone but would constitute a spot zone.

5. The rezoning to a Multiple-Family Residential District would allow up to 73 units on the site which would be more than double the number of units permitted if the property was developed as currently zoned.

6. The City already has 20% of its housing stock in multiple-family development and an additional 11.2% in mobile home parks allowing for a significant amount of affordable housing within the City limits.

7. Rezoning of the property to a multiple-family development would undermine the single-family characteristic of the area in question.

8. In order to allow the RM-2 zoning district, buffering would be required which would be unnecessary if the property were to be developed as currently zoned.

9. Rezoning the property to an RM-2 zoning district would have a negative impact on surrounding property values.

10. Rezoning to an RM zoning classification is inconsistent with the goals and objectives of the Future Land Use Plan.

11. The City Zoning Ordinance already provides sufficient amounts of property that is vacant and zoned for multiple-family development on which the proposed development could be located for multiple family use.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - Gear.
Motion Carried.

07-250

4A. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to adopt a resolution recognizing the Warriors from Romulus Middle School, for their outstanding achievement on the American Youth Basketball Tour (AYBT); emerging victorious in their final game in Fort Wayne, Indiana, becoming the 2007 AYBT National Champions.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-251

4B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Mrs. Margaret Meldrum.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-252

4C. Motion by Crova, supported by Crout to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Mrs. Roberta Tigner.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-253

4D. Motion by Crova, supported by Crout to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Donna Franklin.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-254

5A. Motion by Bragg, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of Cynthia Lyon, City Planner and special legal counsel and adopt the following resolution for a six (6) month moratorium on long-term surface parking facilities, car rental, car leasing and automobile auction facilities:

WHEREAS, The City Planning Department has been actively involved in both the updating of the City Zoning Ordinance, as well as, participating in the Detroit Metropolitan Airport Master Plan Update.

WHEREAS, Data received as part of the Airport Master Plan Update includes proposals for additional parking structures both to the north and south of the airport.

WHEREAS, Long term parking facilities are permitted in areas zoned for RC, C-3, M-1, M-2, MT-1 and MT-2, which constitutes a large portion of the City and therefore has the potential to impact a large portion of the population.

WHEREAS, Development of these facilities has a significant impact on the site and surrounding area due to the removal of existing woodlands and other natural vegetation, which in turn dramatically impacts the aesthetic qualities of the neighborhood and adjacent properties and removes wildlife habitat. The removal of natural vegetation and placement of very large areas of pavement impacts microclimates by increasing temperatures through the absorption of heat from sunlight in the pavement contributing to an "urban heat island" effect.

WHEREAS, Large amount of impermeable pavement surface reduces the ability of stormwater to infiltrate the soil and causes significant increases in stormwater runoff, which has an adverse impact local watersheds. The cumulative effect of pollutants leaking from large numbers of parked vehicles can impact the quality of stormwater runoff, thereby impacting water quality in downstream waterways.

WHEREAS, Long term parking facilities consume large areas of valuable land in commercial and industrial areas and if allowed to proliferate would limit the economic growth of the City for industry and commercial services needed by residents.

WHEREAS, That large parking facilities located in the middle of commercial business districts disrupt the continuity of retail and service businesses and do not contribute to creating a synergy of customer activity necessary to create a viable business district.

WHEREAS, Traffic from long term parking facilities impacts traffic congestion and safety on City streets.

WHEREAS, There are currently existing un-utilized or under-utilized long term parking facilities in the City and uncontrolled proliferation of additional long term parking facilities could result in the abandoned of existing facilities, leaving unused paved areas in the City, wasting valuable land resources and further impacting the community, and environment.

WHEREAS, The City Council recognizes the importance of a comprehensive plan to identify appropriate locations, evaluate the current inventory of land designated or used for long term parking facilities and zoning classifications which allow such uses and necessary design standards to minimize or mitigate impacts of such development.

WHEREAS, The City Council is concerned that development of long term surface parking facilities, car rental, car leasing and automobile auction facilities without careful and coordinated policy and rationale may compromise the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Romulus and the surrounding areas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL that commencing on the effective date of this Resolution and, unless extended or repealed prior thereto, terminating on February 27, 2008, neither the planning staff, nor the Planning Board shall review and/or make any recommendation regarding, or approve, and the City Council shall not approve, any development applications on land for purposes of establishing long term surface parking facilities, car rental, car leasing and/or automobile auction facilities; that the purpose of the moratorium is to consider and allow the implement corrective measures including but not limited to amendments of the zoning ordinance, licensing regulations and other ordinance revisions to address the threat to public health, safety, and welfare; and establish a comprehensive plan for the development of land within the City for long term surface parking facilities, car rental, car leasing and automobile auction facilities.

Baby killed in crash

Andrea King
Staff Writer

A 3-month-old infant died in a car crash in Van Buren Township on Wednesday.

According to police officials, the accident happened at about 7:55 p.m. on Sept. 5 at Sumpter Road, just north of Owen Street in the township.

“We’re not sure how the accident happened,” said Det. Louis Keele, of the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department.

When they arrived, public safety officials found a single motor vehicle occupied by five Belleville residents off the roadway and partially in a ditch, he said.

Police and fire officials extricated the occupants—a 28-year-old female, a 35-year-old male, a 34-year-old female and a 10-year-old female. The baby was not strapped into the car seat and was later pronounced dead from the injuries sustained in the collision, officials said.

Police said it was not a legitimate car seat the 3-month-old was in.

“The car seat would not have passed the car seat safety inspection,” said Sgt. Fred Yono, of the traffic services department. “We haven’t interviewed the driver yet, so we’re not sure exactly what happened.”

Officials said an argument between the 28-year-old female driver and her 35-year-old husband could have led to the accident, according to a statement made by the 10-year-old.

“The driver just lost control,” said Yono.

All the occupants were transported to the University of Michigan Hospital. The 10-year-old was released with minor injuries and the other three are listed in stable condition, police said.

The incident remains under investigation and charges have not yet been filed. Anyone with any information is encouraged to contact Keele at (734) 699-8917 or Yono at (734) 699-8904.



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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective on the date of its adoption by the City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-255

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Barden to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Charles Kirby, Public Safety Director and extend Bid 06/07-12, for the purchase of two (2) Dodge Vehicles for the Department of Public safety under the State of Michigan’s Specification No. 3905-0012 from Bill Snethkamp Dodge in the amount of \$45,200.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-256

5C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Charles Kirby, Public Safety Director and extend Bid 06/07-12, for the purchase of one (1) Dodge Vehicle for the Department of Public Safety under the State of Michigan’s Specification No. 3905-0012 from Bill Snethkamp Dodge in the amount of \$17,100.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-257

5D. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Charles Kirby, Public Safety Director and extend Bid award 05/06-25, Police Vehicle Changeover with emergency overhead lights for two (2) Dodge vehicles for the City of Romulus Police Department traffic control division to the lowest qualified bidder, Priority One Emergency in the amount of \$14,600.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-258

5E. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 06/07-35:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund Expense				
101-1410-714.77-30	Treas.Const.Services	89,000	25,576	114,576
Fund Balance				
101-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	2,214,794	(25,576)	2,189,218

To cover payments to the Deiq. Personal Property Tax Collector for more than expected collections in April, May and June, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-259

5F. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to introduce Budget Amendment 07/08-06:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Federal Law Enforcement Fund Expense				
267-3710-737.77-30	Contractual Services	0	30,000	30,000

Fund Balance	Fund Balance	69,419	(30,000)	39,419
267-0000-390.00-00				

To allow information Technology technicians to collect and convert data from the system to the new OSSI system.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-260

6A1. Motion by Crova supported by Bragg to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 07/08-05 introduced at the Council Meeting held August 13, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-261

6A2. Motion by Burcroff, supported Bragg to schedule a Study Session on September 24, 2007 @ 6:00 p.m., to be held in the City Council Chambers, located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 to discuss proposed Romulus Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-262

6A3. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to grant a no-fee permit to the Romulus High School Student Government for the Homecoming Parade to be held Friday, October 5, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-263

11. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 07-16 in the amount of Eight Hundred Ninety Six Thousand, Nine Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars and Fifty Nine Cents (\$896,937.59).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Crova.
Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC,
Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

Linda R. Choate of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on August 27, 2007.

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1. Obituaries

BORRE, Erica Threse, suddenly September 4, 2007 age 6 weeks of Wayne. Beloved daughter of Eric and Julia (Barkley) Borre. Dear sister of Cassandra Ann and Carlie Fay. Loving granddaughter of Belinda and the late Charles Barkley and Theo Therese and the late Andrew George Borre. Services were held Monday, Sept 10, 2007 at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland with the Rev. Douglas Thompson officiating. Burial was at Cadillac memorial Gardens Cemetery West, Westland. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com

PLOFCHAN, Margaret E. September 6, 2007 age 64 of Dearborn Hts. Beloved wife of Raymond. Dear mother of Raymond, Jr. Faith Crieifield and Dawn (John) McMenamy. Grandmother of Mary (Doug) Van Doran, Roderick (Lillian) Jr., Harvey (Joan), the late Malcolm and Thomas (Philetha) Martin. Sister-in-law of Helen Martin. Grandmother of Ashley and Jeremy Crieifield, Ryan Owens, Alexis, Morgan and Cameron Plofchan and Elizabeth and Cody McMenamy. The family received friends at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland and services were held at Joy Baptist Church with Pastor Jay Cubbison officiating. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park Cemetery, Flat Rock. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com

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Unit 633-Annie Safford:
Clothes, misc. household
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Unit Y805-William Sweeney:
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Unit Y809-Timothy Parker:
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Space #C-5-Gerri Kuck: Vehicle; Space #K-11-Jennifer Cunningham: Household items, recreational items; Space #H-2C-Homer Moore:

Household items, misc. goods; Space #M-12-Scott Michael Roberts: Household items, misc. goods; Space #J-28-Margaret Bell: Household items, recreational items, misc. goods; Space #M-1A-Keisha Owens: Misc. goods; Space #N-1C-Johnie Ingram: Household items, misc. goods; Space #P-20-Michelle Rankin: Household items, misc. goods; Space #P-30-Daniel Pigg: Misc. goods; Space #F-26-Cheryl Miller: Household items, misc. goods; Space #L-28-Shalada Doreen Gibson: Household items, recreational items, misc. goods

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6. Legal Notice

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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
FILE NO: 07 Cvd 2330

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

THOMAS STEFAN SIDEN,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DEANN ANTOINETTE SIDEN,

Defendant.

TO: **DEANN ANTOINETTE SIDEN**
Last Known Address:
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This the 30th day of August, 2007.

J. ALBERT CLYBURN
Attorney for Plaintiff
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